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From the Chair

Disaster Preparedness & Response: An Update

As the first day of winter nears, it seems appropriate to revisit the important topic of disaster preparedness and response.

I am pleased to report that your Steering Committee authorized a contribution of $1,000 towards the purchase of archival supplies for the Peabody Room at the DC Public Library's Georgetown branch. In conversations with Jerry McCoy, the Peabody Room Librarian, I realized that in addition to funding, he needs people to sort, refolder, and inventory the collections damaged during the catastrophic fire in April 2007. This is a service that MARAC's membership is well qualified to offer. I will be sending out via the Caucus Representatives a call for volunteers in early 2008.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response held its first meeting at the fall conference in Williamsburg. The Committee's goals are to assess current programs and initiatives for disaster response in the MARAC region; develop guidelines for a MARAC team of disaster response personnel; determine available funding sources for disaster response; develop guidelines for awarding MARAC disaster response funding; and recommend disaster preparedness and response awareness activities for MARAC. Committee members are currently gathering information on disaster response and funding initiatives in their respective states. This information will inform next steps for the committee. I plan to report on the Committee's progress through this column or MARAC's website.

The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) has several new initiatives of interest. In September, CoSA issued a new publication, *Rescuing Family Records: A Disaster Planning Guide.* This guide identifies the records that protect a family's finances, health, civil rights, and history. It prompts readers to consider those records that may help their family survive a disaster and return to normal afterwards. The guide includes the following: a checklist of records; various options for duplicating and protecting records; a discussion about why certain records may need to be certified; and a brief introduction to caring for historical family records. It is available for purchase at http://www.statearchivists.org/prepare/families.htm.

CoSA also recently announced its Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) project which is made possible by a $2.5 million award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Competitive Grants Training Program.

The training initiative will provide the knowledge and skills needed to secure essential records and recover those damaged by natural or human-caused disaster through Web-and CD-based training to state and local governments nationwide. CoSA is partnering with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and FEMA's Continuity of Operations Division on this project. The IPER curriculum will take NARA's existing training on emergency planning and response for vital records and adapt and enhance its content so it is more relevant for state and local government agencies. For more information on this program, visit CoSA's website http://www.statearchivists.org/prepare/iper/index.htm.

With the advent of the New Year, it is not too soon to start planning for MayDay 2008. The Society of American Archivists designated May 1 as a day for archivists to focus on disaster preparedness and response. Since many of us will be traveling to Chautauqua on May 1st, I encourage everyone to celebrate MayDay before they leave for the spring conference or upon their return. The Society of American Archivist's web site (http://www.archivists.org/mayday/index.asp) has lots of activities to choose from. Here a few to consider:

- Create or update your contact lists
- Review or establish basic emergency procedures
- Conduct a disaster drill
- Invite your local firefighters to visit your repository
- Survey your building for risks
- Make sure all collections are in boxes and all boxes are off the floor
- Identify the most essential records
- Inventory emergency supplies-order supplies to replenish stock.
- Review or create an emergency preparedness plan

Susan McElrath

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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes—Fall 2007

November 1, 2007, Williamsburg Marriot, Williamsburg, VA

PRESENT:
Debra Basham, Danna Bell-Russel, Cynthia Bendroth, Marisa Bourgoin, Lauren Brown, Tom Frusciano, Randy Goss, Geof Huth, Rob Jenson, Susan Koutsky, Ray LaFever, Catherine Lamoureaux, John LeGloahec, Jennie Levine, Dan Linke, Susan McElrath, Megan McShea, Linda Angle Miller, Barbara O'Brien, Alison Oswald, Diana Shenk, Leslie Simon, Cheryl Stadel-Bevans, Christina Zamon.

CALL TO ORDER
Susan McElrath called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
John LeGloahec moved to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Geof Huth. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES —SUMMER 2007 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
John LeGloahec moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan Linke with no corrections. Motion carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Chair
Report submitted. Jerry McCoy has asked for help in organizing materials once they are returned from freeze-dry in Texas after the first of the year. Susan will put out a call for volunteers within the membership.

Dan Linke supports giving money to DC Public Library (DCPL) for the Peabody Room. Proposal to donate $1,000 to the Peabody room. Cheryl Stedel-Bevans made a motion to donate $1,000 to DCPL for the Peabody room for archival supplies. Motion seconded. Ad Hoc committee will help us decide what we should give out in case of emergencies.

Susan McElrath posed the question—should the mail ballot for the change of by-laws be the full version or not? Ballot should be clean with just the changes. The full version is in the MAA. This will be the last paper ballot. May want to consider how we make changes to the by-laws in the future.

Administrator's Report
Report submitted.

Membership renewal form will be re-evaluated.

Vice Chair (including Meetings Coordinating Committee)
Report submitted. MCC met today to set the meeting in Silver Spring in fall 2008, WV in spring 2009. Debra will be looking at two locations in Charleston. Fall of 2009 will be somewhere in the New York metro region.

Secretary
Minutes and reports submitted.

Treasurer and Finance Committee
Report submitted. Finance Committee voted to approve the MARAC audit today.

Suggestion to change the fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Chautauqua budget. Motion passed.

Archivist
Report submitted.

CONTINUING BUSINESS
Discussion of revisions to constitution, by-laws, and committee descriptions. John LeGloahec makes a motion to approve the changes Geof has made for the committee descriptions. Motion seconded by Ray LaFever. Motion passed.

Reminder for committee chairs to update their web pages.

Ad Hoc committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response. Sue Koutsky is one of the co-chairs of the committee. The committee is especially interested in disaster preparedness. Committee will make suggestions on what MARAC should do to help institutions with disasters and preparedness. Next meeting will be in Chautauqua.

Need people to count ballots for the constitution and by-laws changes.

STANDING COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES:

Custer
Report submitted. Urge caucus reps to encourage submissions for the awards. There were no article submissions.

Development
Report Submitted. 35 for 35 campaign has begun and will continue through next year. The funds will go towards educational programs and to build the endowment.

Distinguished Service Award
Report submitted.

Education
Report submitted. Division into two sub committees—non-conference workshops and scholarships and awards.

Finding Aids
No report submitted.

Membership Development
Report submitted.

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National Coalition for History (NCH)
Report submitted.

Nominations & Elections
Report submitted. Need suggestions for potential candidates for Treasurer, VA caucus reps, and nominations and elections committee.

Outreach
Report submitted.

Publications
Report submitted. Katy has resigned as MAA editor and being replaced by Michael Martin. Deadline for MAA is Dec. 1. Sold 1 technical leaflet. Don McIlwaine is writing a rough draft of number 7. Technical leaflets 4, 5, and 6 need major work. New feature on named awards and who they are named for. The first was C. Herbert Finch and the next is Marsha Trimble.

STATE CAUCUS REPORTS:

Delaware
Report submitted.

District of Columbia
Report submitted.

Maryland
Report submitted. Frederick County library has been putting out PR pieces in the local news.

New Jersey
Report submitted.

New York
Report submitted.

Pennsylvania
Report submitted.

Virginia
Report submitted.

West Virginia
Report submitted. Frederick H. Armstrong, State Historian and Archivist for the past 22 years, was dismissed from his position November 1, 2007 by Commission of Culture and History Randall Reid-Smith. No reason was provided for the dismissal. The position of State Historian and Archivist is a "will and pleasure" position. The dismissal may be connected to the proposed plans to take the physical space of the Archives and History library and turn it into a café/gift shop, moving the library collections and microfilm holdings into the Library Commission, a lending library in the same building.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS
John LeGloahec made a motion to go into closed session seconded by Ray LaFever. A motion was made to invite the archivist and committee chairs to the closed session. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
Dan Linke moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ray LaFever. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Business Meeting Minutes—Fall 2007

November 3, 2007, Williamsburg Marriot, Williamsburg, VA

CALL TO ORDER
8:17 am

APPROVAL OF THE SPRING 2006 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
John LeGloahec motioned to accept the fall 2006 minutes with Ray LaFever seconding the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT
MARAC has established an ad hoc committee on disaster preparedness and response. We are working with the DC Public Library to support the restoration efforts for the Peabody Room and donated $1,000 to the Sarnoff library last spring.

Maryland Caucus Chair and Secretary have resigned their positions and will be replaced by Rob Jenson and Barbara O'Brien.Katy Rawdon-Faucett is resigning from MAA and Michael Martin will take over after the next issue.

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT (and Meetings Coordinating Committee—MCC)
229 pre-registered and 270 people attended the Williamsburg meeting.

Chautauqua meeting May 1–3, 2008 Silver Spring meeting November 6–8, 2008. LAC chairs will be Mary Mannix and Karen Fishman.

Dana Bell-Russell and Sharmila Bhatia will be on program committee.

WV is on the agenda for spring 2009.

Thanks to Joan Echtenkamp Klein and Kristine Kaske-Martin for their help with the Williamsburg meeting.

Jennifer McDaid thanked the local arrangements committee. 18 colleagues from 10 institutions helped. Marie Allen, Amy Boykin, Tom Crew, Conley Edwards, Sandy Farrell, Gail Greve, Bea Hardy, Curtis Lyons, Donzella Maupin, Catherine O'Brien, Eileen Parris, Susan Riggs, Ute Schechter, Amy Schindler, Troy Valos, and James Zobel.

Kristine and Joan would like to thank the program committee for taking us back both 400 and 35 years. Thanks to Jay P. Gaidmore, Charles B. Greifenstein, Jennifer I. Johnson, Brian Keough, Paula Larich, Lisa C. Mangiafico, Jaime Margalotti, Karl J. Niederer, Stephen E. Novak, Laura Peimer, Ben Primer, M. Allison White, and Peter J. Wosh.

Special thanks to the two members went above and beyond, thanks to Allison Oswald, and Cheryl Stadel-Bevans for their assistance to the program committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT (and Finance Committee)
Reports from 4th Quarter show a loss but it is because our fiscal year is out of sync with dues collection which comes after the end of the quarter. The Chautauqua budget was approved by Steering on Thursday night. No final report for Scranton just yet. MARAC was audit conducted by the Finance Committee and completed.

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Outreach Committee
Awards given to LAC Scranton Co-chairs Michael Knies and Lisa Mangiafico. Award also presented to the Chair of the Scranton program meeting Kate Colligan.

Award for exemplary service to MARAC for outreach committee was given to Laura Drake-Davis.

Geof Huth was given a service award for serving as Chair of the MARAC steering committee 2005–2007.

Custer Awards
Custer Committee deliberated and received 5 entries for the Award. The award was given to *Legacy: Treasures of Black History,* Edited by Thomas C. Battle and Donna M. Wells (Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006.)

Finch Awards
John Woods, underwriter of the C. Herbert Finch Award presented the award to Jessica Tanny, University of Buffalo Archives, for: *Samuel P. Capen:* University Man http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/archives/exhibits/capen/.

Scholarships
Travel award—Nancy Brown (D.R. Barker Historical Museum, Fredonia, NY)

Travel award—Jeremy Linden (SUNY—Fredonia Archives and Special Collections Library)

Meeting scholarship—Rebecca Cooper (Society of the Cincinnati Library, Washington, D.C.)

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
Proposal of amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

Geof makes a motion to submit the changes to the by-laws by voting by mail seconded by Ray LaFever.

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Change to constitution:
Section 8. Amendments

Second sentence add [issued] and delete "mailed." Fourth sentence add [issued] and delete "mailed."
No discussion.

Change to by-laws:

Section 1 Duties of Officers:

B: Add sentence, [The Chair may designate others to carry out official duties of the Chair as necessary.] Original first sentence after "The Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member of the" add [Development and Meetings Coordinating] and delete "Education, Outreach, and Publications". Add to the last sentence [and as an ex-officio member of the Meetings Coordinating Committee.] after Finance Committee.
No discussion.

Section 2 Terms of Office:

A: Add sentence [Each Term shall be for two years.]

B: Delete section.
No discussion.

Section 3: Nominations and Elections:

A: To the second sentence after "chosen by the" add [MARAC Chair] and delete "Steering Committee." Delete "by mail ballot."

D: In the first sentence after "official ballot" add [in whatever form it deems appropriate] In second sentence after "Ballots shall be" add [submitted] and delete "returned." Also in second sentence after "Committee" add [no later than] and after "days after being" add [issued] and delete "mailed."

F: In second sentence after "Election Committee shall" add [issue] and delete "mail." In last sentence after "these ballots shall be" add [submitted] and delete "returned."
No Discussion.

5. Committees

A: First sentence delete colon and after "Conference shall be:" add [development,] D. In first sentence after "Arline Custer Award Committee" add [, the Distinguished Service Award Committee,] In second sentence after "Member of the" add [Arline]; after "elected for" add [two-year] and delete "three (2) year." In third sentence after "Conference Chair for" add [two-year] and delete "three (3) year." In third sentence after "appoint chairs of" delete "the Arline Custer Award Committee and"

Add sentence at end: [Members of the Distinguished Service Award Committee include four members: the immediate past MARAC Chair, who serves as the Committee's chair, the MARAC Archivist, and two members elected by membership for one-year terms.]

Discussion of Section 5

D: Ervin Jordan made a motion to change "conference chair" to "MARAC chair" in two places to be consistent. John LeGloahec second. Motion passed. Motion by Geof Huth to change two sentences seconded by Dan Linke. Motion Passed.

After "members of the Finding Aids Awards Committee" add [,including the chair,].

Motion by Geof to delete the sentence "The Conference Chair shall appoint the chairs of the Arline Custer Award committee and the Finding Aids Award Committee." Motion seconded by John LeGloahec. Motion passed.

Add [10. Finances
To ensure that MARAC's finances are afforded appropriate oversight, no officer, member, or agent of MARAC may expend MARAC funds or obligate MARAC financially without first ensuring that spending has been authorized by the approved budget of MARAC conference, or by a special action of the MARAC Membership of MARAC Steering Committee.]

No discussion.

Susan McElrath made a motion that we send these changes to the membership with amendments. Motion seconded by Cheryl Stadel-Bevans. Motion passed.

Paper ballot will be sent within 15 days to vote on the changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT
LAC giveaways.

Thanks to Arian D. Ravanbakhsh for being program editor.

Chautauqua meeting presentation.

Ray LaFever moved that the meeting be adjourned. John LeGloahec seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Register now for Archives Basics Two Day Program!

MANAGING AND PRESERVING ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

Presented by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA)

April 17 & 18, 2008
Baltimore, MD
Cosponsored by The Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries
Held at Johns Hopkins University

About the Program
Proper archival procedures and preservation actions enable safe and effective management of archival collections. Attendees at this two-day program will gain insight into management and preservation activities that will improve intellectual control over collections, increase collections accessibility, and assist in long-term preservation initiatives.

Thursday, April 17
An Introduction to Archival Management: Appraisal, Arrangement, and Description

Managing archival collections can be a daunting task. Whether an archives has procedures in place or is just being established, day-to-day decisions about the management of the collections must be made. Program participants will be introduced to theories and practical applications that will help them make thoughtful choices about what materials to accession into their collections and how to physically organize the materials. Developing finding aids and other tools for increased collection access will also be addressed.

Speaker: Beth Bensman, a Certified Archivist and private consultant, has taught several workshops on the care and management of archival collections. In her past positions, Bensman has worked as a Technical Archivist, a University Archivist, and most recently as Manager of Public Services and Outreach at the Presbyterian Historical Society where she was responsible for overseeing reference services and coordinating outreach activities.

Friday, April 18
Archives Preservation: Maintaining and Protecting Collections

Archival repositories around the country hold priceless and irreplaceable documents, photographs, books, and scrapbooks. The task of preserving these materials often falls to those with little formalized training. This program will introduce participants to the fundamentals of archival preservation. Topics covered will include the nature of archival materials that affect preservation and access to collections; environment; storage materials; storage solutions; handling; reformatting options; and conservation of archival materials.

Speaker: Hilary A. Kaplan is a Senior Conservator at the National Archives and Records Administration. She received her M.S. and Certificate in Library and Archives Conservation from Columbia University's School of Library Service Conservation Education Program and is a Professional Associate of the American Institute for Conservation. Her interest in archives preservation has resulted in numerous publications, presentations, and assessments. Kaplan frequently presents archives preservation workshops and classes for organizations across the country.

Location, Dates & Times
Johns Hopkins University
Homewood Campus
Charles Commons Conference Center
10 East 33rd Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Thursday, April 17, 2008 and
Friday, April 18, 2008
9:30 am–5:00 pm

Brochure & Registration
Registration Deadline:
Thursday, April 3, 2008

Registration Fee: $180.00 CCAHA member fee/$200.00 Non-member fee

A program brochure with registration form can be accessed at:
http://www.ccaha.org/index.php

For information about CCAHA, its programs and services, please visit our website at www.ccaha.org or contact CCAHA's Preservation Services Office at 215.545.0613 or ccaha@ccaha.org.

Treasurer's Report, Fiscal Year 2007, 4th Quarter

July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

CATEGORY	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Membership Dues	$35,000.00	$14,382.00	$5,626.00	$1,063.00	$141.00	$21,212.00
Publication Sales	$250.00	$12.50	$87.00	$0.00	$115.53	$215.03
Pub. Advertising	$500.00	$360.00	$360.00	$0.00	$0.00	$720.00
Bank Interest	$500.00	$304.88	$271.55	$222.95	$489.25	$1,288.63
Investments	$500.00	$397.98	$521.98	$419.35	$778.79	$2,118.10
Conferences	$17,520.00	$31,326.00	$9,171.40	$33,424.00	$6,687.00	$80,608.40
Mailing List Sales	$200.00	$0.00	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	$40.00
Contributions	$5,000.00	$689.00	$1,101.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,790.00
Miscellaneous	$0.00	$1,078.05	$1,000.00	$593.00	$0.00	$2,671.05
Total Revenue—Support	**$59,470.00**	**$48,550.41**	**$18,178.93**	**$35,722.30**	**$8,211.57**	**$110,663.21**
EXPENSES						
General	$2,400.00	$0.00	$1,500.00	$900.00	$0.00	$2,400.00
Administrator	$30,000.00	$8,635.38	$9,470.29	$4,829.68	$8,091.73	$31,027.08
Treasurer	$950.00	$852.56	$32.50	$975.57	$24.60	$1,885.23
State Caucuses	$1,350.00	$155.81	$100.00	($800.00)	$726.65	$182.46
Committees	$6,500.00	$431.99	$1,273.35	$0.00	$1,748.29	$3,453.63
Publications	$15,000.00	$3,750.10	$3,165.37	$3,008.98	$4,036.91	$13,961.36
Investments	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
MARAC Archivist	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00	$500.00
Awards	$1,900.00	$1,078.41	$342.70	$1,453.78	$0.00	$2,874.89
Conference Expenses	$0.00	$7,091.55	$30,965.67	$16,731.97	$3,090.51	$57,879.70
MARAC Scholarship	$1,370.00	$685.00	$357.69	$685.00	$0.00	$1,727.69
Miscellaneous	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00	$1,569.20	$0.00	$2,069.20
Total Expenses	**$59,970.00**	**$23,180.80**	**$47,207.57**	**$29,354.18**	**$18,218.69**	**$117,961.24**
Net Income or (Loss)		**$25,369.61**	**($29,028.64)**	**$6,368.12**	**($10,007.12)**	**($7,298.03)**

SUMMARY—FIRST QUARTER FY 2006

			Opening	Credits	Debits	Closing
Opening Balance	$118,797.26	Operating	($1,605.48)	$6,943.53	($18,218.69)	($12,880.64)
Income	$8,211.57	Endowment	$40,000.00			$40,000.00
Expenses	($18,218.69)	Reserve	$59,470.00			$59,470.00
		Surplus	$20,932.74	$1,268.04		$22,200.78
Closing Balance	$108,790.14					
		Totals	$118,797.26	$8,211.57	($18,218.69)	$108,790.14

Account Balances

PayPal Account	$6,004.59	
B of A Checking	$291.63	
B of A Savings	$42,518.63	
B of A CDs	$20,483.72	
B of A CDs (Finch)	$5,120.93	
Investment Account	$34,370.64	(as of 9/30/2007)
Total	$108,790.14	

State and Local News

Delaware

Delaware Public Archives
DPA staffed a promotional booth at the Delaware State Fair. This year's give-a-way was a set of five post cards featuring historical photographs of the State Fair from the Archives photo collections.

Patron Brenda Holbrook surprised the Research Room staff when she brought in a quilt she had made using images of DPA photographs of old Sussex County "Colored" schools. The quilt was stunning and Ms. Holbrook has been approached about its future loan for exhibition.

A total of 85 invited guests attended a special "sneak premiere" of Ken Burns's new documentary *The War* on September 10. Many in attendance were veterans of World War II. Attendees were welcomed by State Archivist Russ McCabe and WHYY (PBS) President Bill Marrazo. Lt. Governor John Carney provided opening remarks. A special display of DPA documents and photos associated with World War II was also prepared.

An endowment fund has been established for the $350,000 bequeathed to DPA by Lewes native Robert Stewart last year. Resulting dividends will be used to establish and maintain a program of statewide traveling exhibits highlighting DPA resources, to provide a fund for collections acquisitions, and to support expanded public programming such as lecture series, symposiums and seminars. These programs will in turn be used to promote future gifts.

The DPA has announced the subjects of its winter lecture series:

December 1, 2007: Great Expectations and Dashed Hopes: American Indians and the American Revolution by Dr. Cara Blume.

January 5, 2008: New Archaeological Research at Valley Forge, Dr. David Orr.

February 2, 2008: "The Bayonets of the Revolution:" The Delaware Regiment in the American War for Independence by Charles Fithian.

Hagley Library
Hagley Library will host the following special events:

On February 7 Eric Schatzberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison, presents his paper "Competition and Critique: The Discourse of Technology in Twentieth-Century America" in the Copeland Room of the Hagley Library.

A Black History Month film festival will be held on February 9. It will feature five films based on oral history interviews with some of Delaware's leading African Americans.

Historical Society of Delaware
The Historical Society of Delaware celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Christmas Seal with a new exhibit and lecture program by Dr. Constance Cooper, Director of Library and Archives. The fourth and final presentation in the Historical Society's 2007 Signature Series Lecture program will focus on "Emily P. Bissell and the Christmas Seal." In addition to the lecture, which will be presented in Wilmington, Dover and Lewes in December and January, a small exhibit featuring both Emily Bissell and the Christmas Seal will be on display in the Society's Willingtown Square Gallery at 505 Market Street. The exhibit tells the story of Delaware's Christmas Seal founder, Emily P. Bissell, the history of the Christmas Seal, and the fight against tuberculosis in Delaware, the nation and the world. Photographs, memorabilia and documents from the Society's archives tell this inspiring story.

University of Delaware Special Collections

"Ishmael Reed: An Exhibition," was on display August 16–December 16, 2007. Curated by Timothy D. Murray, the exhibit explored the life of Reed, an African-American novelist, poet, and publisher.

Winterthur
Archival collections are highlighted in three new exhibitions at Winterthur. "That Most Ancient of Sciences" focuses on documents having to do with the study of the solar system, astronomy, and the heavens. "Blacksmithing and Blacksmiths" features archival materials on that craft. And, "Pets in America: The Story of Our Lives with Animals at Home" incorporates archival resources into a show on the history of Americans' relationships with pets from the 1700s to the present.

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New Jersey

Monmouth County Archives
The Jersey Shore in Monmouth County, an exhibit assembled by the Monmouth County Archives staff from documents in the Archives

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and items contributed by local historians, was on view in the lobby of the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Dr., Manalapan, NJ, in October. The history of the Shore encompassed both the romanticized Victorian period as well as its more recent development. The exhibit provided some aspects of Jersey Shore history often not on view to the public. It combined images and ephemera with selected documents and photographs from the Monmouth County Archives that relate to people and architecture.

The events also featured exhibits by approximately seventy different archives, historical societies, museums, and other history-related organizations and government agencies. Awards presentations included the MARAC/NJ Caucus Institutional Award to the Cape May County Clerk's Office, the Roger McDonough Award to archivist Lois Densky-Wolff, and the Jane Clayton Award to historian Karen L. Schnitzspahn.

Newark Public Library

"The World in Prints: An International Survey of Graphic Arts, Contemporary and Historic"

Partnering with the Robeson Galleries at Rutgers University, Newark Campus, and the Special Collections Division of the Newark Public Library displayed many of the fine prints in its collection with a show held at both venues from November 14, 2007–January 12, 2008. Highlighting artists that demonstrate the international scope of the Division's collections, the exhibition will showcase such artists as Rufino Tamayo (Mexico), Yoshie Imamura (Japan), Lorenzo Homar (Puerto Rico), Erik Desmazieres (France), Oskar Kokoschka (Austria), Salvador Dali (Spain), M.C. Escher (Holland) and William Kentridge (South Africa) among others. The show was supported, in part, thanks to The International Fine Print Dealers Association.

Cape May County Clerk Rita Fulginiti was very pleased to receive the MARAC/NJ Caucus Institutional Award on Archives and History Day at the Monmouth County Library on Oct. 13, 2007. (Photo by Fred Pachman.)

New Acquisitions in Special Collections:

The Division obtained several botanical prints depicting coffee, pomegranate, banana and rose plants, seeds and fruit from German-born artist Monika E. de Vries Gohlke, who has developed many similar prints for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the New York Botanical Garden. Abstract fine print serigraph entitled "All that We are is the Result of What We have Thought" (2006) by Puerto-Rican born artist, Milton Rosa-Ortiz, whose abstract sculpture was also recently at gallery shows in New York City and at the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico in San Juan.

As a great addition to its collection of more than 1,000 shopping bags, the Division received a donation of about 50–75 shopping bags showcasing examples from California, Hawaii and New York with Christmas and department stores themes. Most notable in this donation are bags from stores and restaurants from New Orleans, collected from before the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina.

Seton Hall University

Various collections continue to be acquired on a regular basis as part of an ongoing mission to enhance institutional history resources. Business papers, monographs and related objects from the former Seton Hall University Press were recently acquired. During its prime operational years, the Press specialized in Chinese language materials and related volumes. Finished texts were published not only through their South Orange headquarters, but the Press also had a satellite office in Taiwan during the late 1960s–mid 1970s.

A special three paned window exhibit in honor of Seton Hall University alumnus and noted baseball reporter Ed Lucas, '62 entitled: "As He Sees It" has been a hit with viewers since its opening in August. Lucas, who is visually-impaired has written numerous pieces on his favorite sport and has met scores of players, administrators and famous figures during his travels as a chronicler of the Great American Pastime. He has also been the subject of articles in *Sports Illustrated, New York Times* and various television documentaries. A number of artifacts from his school days, autographed baseballs, uniforms and photographs with noted personalities highlight the display. Central themes include his lifelong friendship with the recently departed Phil Rizzuto, connections with the New York Mets and Yankees along with the Final Game of the 1951 National League Playoffs and dramatic victory by the New York Giants over the Brooklyn Dodgers on a ninth-inning home run known as "The Shot Heard Round the World" ironically marked the same day that Lucas lost his sight.

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The Msgr. William Noé Field Archives & Special Collections Center also partnered with the Walsh Library Gallery on an exhibit entitled: "The Beauty of Sacred Garments" which draws on the display of ceremonial apparel representing Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Various examples of Catholic ecclesiastical wear from the archival collection are on loan for the duration of this exhibit. This event ran from September 10 through October 26, 2007. A catalog of the event was published in conjunction with this display. More information on this and the aforementioned Ed Lucas exhibit can be obtained via e-mail: delozial@shu.edu or by phone at: (973) 275-2378.

The New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission (formerly known as the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission) is undergoing changes as updated bylaws, a new Executive Director and Board have been elevated within the past several months. Various initiatives are being undertaken to bring further awareness and activity levels to the organization headquartered here in the Archives & Special Collections Center at Seton Hall University. Newly revised by-laws, brochure and planning for an Internet-based newsletter are just a few of the projects currently in the works.

Various updates to their Homepage have been made over the past few months including a new school-related encyclopedic page; http://library.shu.edu/sc-homepage.htm.

Counted among the most important additions to the Homepage have been processed detailed finding aids for the Papers of Seton Hall University Presidents—Bernard J. McQuaid (1856–57, 1859–67), Michael A. Corrigan (1867–76), James H. Corrigan (1876–88), Joseph F. Synott (1897–99), John A. Stafford (1899–1907), James F. Mooney (1907–22), and Thomas H. McLaughlin (1922–33). Various Manuscript Collections have also been detailed in full including—Marcus Daly (former New Jersey Congressman), Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (artificial collection relating to the first-American born Saint and namesake of the University), W. Paul Stillman (prominent local banker and benefactor to the school) and Father Edward H. Flannery (a leading scholar in the world of Jewish-Christian Studies) with other collections poised for addition in the near future.

Union County Archives
Union County, New Jersey received the award for Outstanding Project Management—County, at the first annual PARIS (Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support) Awards for Excellence. The award recognized the efforts of Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and PARIS project manager, and County Clerk, Joanne Rajoppi. Freeholder Daniel Sullivan thanked the PARIS Grant administrators for recognizing the accomplishments of the Union County archives and records management staff including Anita McNamara, Records Manager, and County Archivist, John Celardo.

The curtain fell on the 150th anniversary year of Union County at a ceremony in the rotunda of the County Courthouse on October 29. Speakers at the event included Freeholder Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski, Karl Niederer, Director of the New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management, and Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. The event included an exhibition of documents and photographs highlighting the County's history.

Rutgers University
The Harrison A. Williams, Jr. Papers project at Rutgers University, originally funded for two years through the end of 2007, has been extended to June 30, 2008. Williams represented New Jersey in the U.S. Senate from 1959 until 1982. He also served in the House of Representatives from 1953 through 1956. Initially totaling over 2000 cubic feet, the collection was formally donated by the late Williams's wife in 2005 to Rutgers, where the papers had been held since his resignation from the Senate.

Staffed by two full-time archivists, the Williams project has completed to date over 1400 cubic feet, of which 650 cubic feet were retained, 200 cubic feet of Committee records were returned to the Senate, and 550 cubic feet were discarded. An EAD inventory of the processed papers, including container lists for over 21,000 folders, is nearing completion for public access in January 2008. Constituent correspondence, project files, case files, and much of the legislative files comprised the principal focus of work for the project's first two years.

The collection holds rich material on a tremendously wide variety of international, national, regional, and New Jersey subjects of research interest. Accordingly, a key processing strategy has been the identification of expanded folder-level descriptions and subject terms for select series in order to facilitate research by local historians, undergraduates, and other users unaccustomed to navigating large Congressional collections.

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New York

University at Albany Libraries' M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives and the Department of History
On November 16, the University of Albany Libraries hosted a program,

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"New Directions in Scholarship on the United States Congress and the Development of Related Archive Collections." The panel consisted of two congressional experts, Lawrence Evans, Professor of Government at the College of William and Mary and an authority United States institutions, and Robert David Johnson, Professor of History at Brooklyn College, CUNY and the author of numerous books and articles on politics, Congress, and the presidency.

The theme of the Albany conference was occasioned by the Library's recent acquisition of a major collection, the papers of recently retired upstate Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, adding to the University at Albany Libraries' collection of papers from 24 former House members and more than three dozen former New York state legislators. The Boehlert papers containing more than 600 cubic feet, chronicles the career of a figure that chaired the House Science Committee and was active on intelligence issues. In addition to Boehlert's papers, the UAlbany Libraries' collections include; the papers of James Delaney, a Queens Democrat who was instrumental in early efforts to eliminate carcinogens from food and cosmetics, a major player on the Rules Committee in the 1960s and 1970s, and was succeeded in the House by Geraldine Ferraro; Major Owens, who served 20 years as a Brooklyn Democrat; and John Goodchild Dow, one of the quirkiest members of the Cold War Congress. Dow was elected in a major upset in 1964 from a heavily Republican district, was re-elected in 1966, lost in 1968, but came back to win a final term in 1970 after the law-and-order GOP incumbent was investigated for tax evasion. In the process, he refused to bow to district opinion, and emerged as one of the few strongly liberal voices in the 1960s House on foreign policy questions. For more information about the University Albany Libraries' contact Brian Keough 518-437-3931 or go to: http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/nysmpa.htm.

Second Catholic Library Association Archives Workshop at Malvern, PA

Ellen Pierce, Director of the Maryknoll Mission Archives in Maryknoll, NY, co-directed the second Catholic Library Association Introductory Workshop for Religious Communities from October 7-12, 2007 at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. The event was a success with thirty-five participants from fifteen US states and Chile attending. Attendees received an introduction to archival theory and practice and also focused on issues particular to religious community records. Malachy R. McCarthy, Province Archivist of the Claretian Missionaries Archives in Chicago, was Ms. Pierce's co-director. Visits to the American Province Archives of the Sisters of the Holy Child of Jesus and the Archives of Old St Joseph Church in Philadelphia provided tours and gave participants the opportunity to view well-established archival programs.

The response to these programs has been overwhelming and a waiting list already exists for the 2008 Introductory Archival Workshop for Religious Communities which will be held at Malvern in June. If you want to attend, please check their web site, www.cathla.org for further information.

The New York State Archives

The **Board of Regents** and the **New York State Archives** have selected the following to receive its 2007 Annual Archives Awards:

Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of the State Archives
Laura Wittern-Keller, University at Albany

Debra E. Bernhardt Award for Excellence in Documenting New York's History
Dominican Studies Institute, City College of New York

Program Excellence in a Historical Records Repository
Schenectady County Historical Society

William H. Kelly Award for Excellence in Local Government Archival Program Development
Suffolk County

Cheryl Steinbach Award for Excellence in Local Government Records Management
Town of Lewisboro

Excellence in State Agency Records Management
New York State Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation

Excellence in the Educational Use of Local Government Records by a Local Government
Town of Ithaca

Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 4–5
Fourth and Fifth Grade Students from the Stewart School, Garden City School District
Dolores Volpe, Educator

Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 6–8
Emma Gugerty, Locust Valley Middle School, Locust Valley Central School District
Barbara LaBella, Educator

Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 9–12
Alexandra Rheinhardt, Cooperstown Central High School, Cooperstown Central School District
Mary Beth Murdock, Educator

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The annual Archives Awards program recognizes outstanding efforts in archives and records management work in New York State by a broad range of individuals and organizations. The awards were given at a luncheon held in the State Education Building on October 22.

350 Year-old Petition for Religious Toleration in New York State Featured in State Archives Event
The first petition for the need for religious toleration in New York, the Flushing Remonstrance, was the subject of an evening lecture on October 11 in the State Education Department's Cultural Education Center.

In a rare opportunity, a copy of the Flushing Remonstrance, taken from the minutes of the 1657 Dutch Colonial Council, was on display. This document, part of the collections of the New York State Archives, has only been available for public viewing twelve times since 1945. The Flushing Remonstrance has been the subject of an unprecedented amount of statewide attention in this the 350th year since the document's signing.

The Flushing Remonstrance was written in 1657 by citizens of Flushing, Queens to protest a decree prohibiting Quakers from worshipping in the Dutch colony of New Netherland. The grievance was addressed to Peter Stuyvesant, director general of the colony, who had banned members of "that abominable sect" from practicing their faith.

During the course of the evening, the participants considered the struggle of colonists to win religious tolerance in New Netherland and examined the Flushing Remonstrance, held by some legal scholars to have influenced the principles codified in 1791 in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Given the background of some of America's foremost authorities on religious tolerance, the program additionally discussed the importance of religious tolerance in American society and worldwide.

Panel participants for the program were:

Dr. Charles Gehring, director of the **New Netherland Project** and one of the world's foremost experts on the 17th century Dutch in New York; Ambassador Robert A. Seiple, the first U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom and president and CEO of the Council for America's First Freedom in Richmond, VA; and Dr. Charles C. Haynes, senior scholar on religious liberty in American public life at the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center in Arlington, VA and a nationally syndicated columnist on religion in America. The program was moderated by *Albany Times Union* editor-in-chief and nationally syndicated radio personality Rex Smith.

This program was sponsored by the **New York State Archives, Archives Partnership Trust** and the **New York State Historical Association.** It was generously supported by the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Archives Partnership Trust board member Barbara Brinkley.

Archives Month in New York State
New York's celebration of Archives Month in New York has been a busy one. Here is a sampling of some of the events held during the month:

History Through Images:
The Efner Photo History Collection
Efner History Center and Research Library, Schenectady City Hall, Schenectady
During a month long exhibit, visitors perused the photo collections and helped identify photographs. Visitors were encouraged to bring in their historic photos depicting events, places and people to donate to the archives. Donated photos were scanned and entered in a month-long contest to find the most unique photograph of Schenectady. For more information, contact Cynthia Seacord at 518-382-5088 or HsCenter@nycap.rr.com.

Jefferson Community College, **Melvil Dewey Library,** Watertown
The library presented a display to illustrate the materials and methods used to preserve archival materials, and the education needed to pursue a career in archival work.

Brookside Museum, Ballston Spa
Ballston Spa Centennial, 1907 & Sesquicentennial, 1957. Exhibit of photographs taken during Ballston Spa's 1907 Centennial celebration. Each photograph featured a familiar landmark in the village "dressed to the nines." Also, during Ballston Spa's Sesquicentennial in 1957, people created a time capsule. The time capsule was opened at Brookside Museum in March 2007. The contents of the time capsule were on display at the Museum.

Twelfth Annual Capital Region Archives Dinner, Saratoga Springs
Program: Beyond the Archives and Archaeology: Using Digital Revolution to Interpret Lake George's "Sunken Fleet of 1758." Joseph Zarzynski of Bateaux Below, Inc. and Peter Pepe of Pepe Productions gave a multi-media presentation on using digital technologies to interpret the "Sunken Fleet of 1758" in Lake George. The two created the 2005 award winning documentary "The Lost Radeau: North America's Oldest Intact Warship." The program celebrated the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War (1755–1763.)

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Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums Annual Meeting & Awards Towards Excellence. Jay Heritage Center, Rye, NY, "Connecting to Collections/ Connecting to History." The full day meeting featured a Historic House Museum Field Forum with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Maraget Ponsonby. Robert Bullock, President of the NYS Archives Partnership Trust spoke on "The Passions That Connect Us to History." The 2007 Awards Towards Excellence were presented, and a tour of the restored 1907 Van Norden Carriage House, grounds and 1838 Greek Revival Peter Augustus Jay house was offered.

"Caring for Your Family's History" **St. Lawrence County Historical Association, Canton.** Documentary Heritage Program Consultant and retired SUNY Plattsburgh Archivist Joe Swinyer spoke on the care and handling of family photographs, documents and heirlooms.

Town of Croghan "Pictorial History of the Town of Croghan" This open house provided an overview of what a historian does and what can be found in the historian's office. Included was an exhibit of pictures, along with a computer slide show. The event was sponsored by the town's Historian's Office.

"Dying to Know: Cemeteries as Archives." **Long Island Library Resources Council,** 12th Annual Archives Leadership Conference, Old Westbury. Speakers included Gene Horton, who discussed notable persons buried on Long Island, Susan Olsen, who spoke about the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, Rhoda Miller, who spoke about research Jewish cemeteries and John Hewlett, who spoke about his family's history as carpenter and coffin makers during the colonial period.

Long Island State Parks Regional Archives at Planting Fields held a half day event that included a tour of the archives, a presentation and a tour of Coe Hall and Formal Gardens. The event was coordinated by Thomas Saltzman, historian for the Town of Hempstead.

Death of Sister Margaret Ahl, Provincial Archivist for the Northeast Province of the Daughters of Charity
Daughter of Charity Sister Margaret Ahl died at DePaul Provincial House on Sunday, October 14, 2007. Margaret Catherine Ahl was born in 1923 to Mary E. Connolly and William H. Ahl in Jamaica, N.Y. Sister Margaret entered the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg, Md. in 1943. By 1973 she had achieved both an RN and a master's degree in nursing education, ranking number one on the state board examination that year. For the next 21 years, she served as director of three hospital-based nursing schools, Providence, Detroit, Mich., St. Vincent's, Jacksonville, Fla. and Catherine Laboure in Boston, Mass. By 1972, Catherine Laboure School of nursing, under her leadership, had become a junior college of nursing and allied health science. Sister Margaret began studies at Boston University and achieved a doctoral degree in education in 1975. Now began the most important challenge of her life, an assignment to Bethlehem, in Palestine, in 1976 where she laid the foundation of a baccalaureate program in nursing for the Palestinian Arabs at Bethlehem University on the West Bank. Under unbelievable obstacles, she established the program with a small faculty and the help of United States (AID) funding and graduated the first class of eleven men and three women in 1980. The program flourished despite constant disruptions, and today enrolls over 200 students in both nursing and allied health care occupations.

Sister Margaret retired to DePaul Provincial House in Menands, NY in 2000 where she served almost seven years as community archivist, completing her 64 years as a Daughter of Charity. She assumed her duties as Provincial Archivist for the Northeast Province of the Daughters of Charity in January 2000 after attending the Modern Archives Institute in Washington D.C. During her tenure she instituted an oral history program to document the lives of the Daughters of Charity in the Northeastern US and Canada, oversaw the transition from paper based to electronic finding-aids, and revised and updated the archives policy and procedure manual. In addition Sister Margaret researched and wrote brief biographies of ninety Daughters of Charity. The collection of biographies was printed and distributed to the community. In 2005 she supervised a major renovation of the Daughters of Charity Archives facilities in Albany, NY that included an expansion of the Archives offices and the addition of a dedicated processing area.

Sister Margaret was a member of several professional organizations including the Society of American Archivists, Archivist of Congregations of Women Religious, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Archivists of Religious Institutions and Capital Area Archivists. Her vision, gentle demeanor and keen intellect will be missed by all who knew and worked with her.

Retirement of Phil Maples
Phil Maples, the long-time Curator and Archivist of the **Via Health Archives Consortium**, is retiring after 31 years at Rochester General Hospital, leaving a legacy of service

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to the hospital and community that will be remembered for decades. Phil first came to Rochester General in 1976 as a security guard. With a life long interest and a graduate degree in History, Phil joined the Archives Committee in 1977 and six years later was appointed as the archivist of the **Baker-Cederberg Archives** in August. Over the next twenty-four years, he transformed the collection of documents, books, photographs and artifacts into an internationally known and widely respected medical museum and archives. In addition to the collections of Rochester General and The Genesee Hospitals, as well as their nursing schools, Phil also oversaw the addition of close to two dozen repository collections are now housed at the Archives.

The ViaHealth Archives Consortium's grand opening on March 15, 2005 in the newly remodeled 6,000 square foot archives and museum was a milestone and a life long aspiration of Phil's. Under his able leadership, the Archives now encompass two museum galleries displaying eighteen exhibits on an array of aspects of the hospitals or an affiliated organization's history. In addition, the new archives vault is a 3,000 square foot repository for the archives and material culture and has separate rooms for the Behavior Health Network and Society for Total Emergency Programs (STEP) Collections as well as six state of the art moveable storage shelves. This new Archives and Museum space has come about in no small part because of Phil Maples' dedication and steadfast devotion to preserving this valuable history and will remain in the future as a testament to his tenure as the Director of the ViaHealth Archive Consortium.

New York University

Recognizing how a rapidly changing global and technological environment is affecting the work of public historians and archivists, New York University's Graduate School of Arts and Science has established a masters program in Archives and Public History.

The program's curriculum is designed to provide students with a theoretical grounding in such topics as memory, heritage, commemoration, historic preservation, and the role of the archive in humanities scholarship. Courses emphasize contemporary standards and engagement with new technologies, as public historians and archivists continually use new methods and techniques to engage non-traditional audiences. Students will work collaboratively with NYU's Division of Libraries in the areas of digital librarianship, preservation, and collection development. In addition, the program fosters close involvement with New York City's array of archival and public history institutions.

The new program combines two previous certificate programs in archives and public history that have prepared students for successful careers as archivists, manuscript curators, documentary editors, oral historians, cultural resource managers, historical interpreters, and new media specialists for more than 25 years.

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

Archives & Records Management Seminar

On October 24, the Pennsylvania State Archives, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society hosted the third annual Archives & Records Management Seminar. Over 200 people attended the event, many from state agencies, local governments and college and universities. For the first time, vendors were available to answer questions about their products. Sessions on e-discovery, preservation of large-format materials, continuity of government planning and Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law were offered. For more information on next year's Seminar, contact Linda Ries at Lries@state.pa.us.

Archives Month

Pennsylvania celebrated Archives Month in October. The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) distributed a poster, and had tours and a genealogy lecture during October. Penn State Harrisburg held an open house and other institutions had lectures and tours. Stay tuned for next year's events!

Penn State

Lee Stout to Retire from Penn State University Libraries

Archivist Lee Stout has recently retired from his position as head of Public Services and Outreach for the Eberly Family Special Collections Library, Pennsylvania State University Libraries. From 1974 to 2001, he served as university archivist and held the academic rank of Librarian, Special Collections. As head of Public Services and Outreach, Stout developed and administered outreach programs for all three archival and rare book units in Special Collections. He also taught in the library studies and history programs, and presented lectures on campus history and architecture. Stout will continue to be active in the profession with work on a number of projects; including his longstanding interest in the preservation of electronic records, a book on the history of Penn State's famous Berkey Creamery, articles on archival and historical topics, and oral history interviews for several ongoing projects.

Workshops for Spring:

Sue Hamburger received her fourth grant from the Pennsylvania

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Historical and Museum Commission to bring SAA continuing education workshops to the University Park campus of Penn State. In 2008 she will host three workshops:

Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22:
Encoded Archival Description (EAD)—
A hands-on workshop
Scholarship rate is $40;
first 15 by March 21

Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25:
Stylesheets for EAD—
A hands-on workshop
Scholarship rate is $40;
first 15 by March 24

Monday, May 19:
Building Digital Collections
Scholarship rate is $20;
first 25 by April 19

Registration for anyone in Pennsylvania at the scholarship rate is on a first-come first-serve basis. Information about the workshops, discounted hotel rates at the Nittany Lion Inn on campus, and the scholarship registration forms (http://www.libraries.psu.edu/saaworkshops/registration.pdf) are available on the Web site, http://www.libraries.psu.edu/saaworkshops/. Workshop descriptions are also available on the SAA Web site, http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/face_to_face.asp. Contact Sue Hamburger, 814-865-1756, sxh36@psulias.psu.edu, for further information and to reserve a space.

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Virginia

Archives Month Celebration
This year marked the first annual statewide celebration of Virginia Archives Month. The effort to promote the importance of archives and archivists from Archives Week to Archives Month has been spearheaded by the Society of American Archivists. Again, the Library of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia Caucus, and the Library of Virginia Foundation, produced a poster commemorating the Commonwealth's archival and special collections repositories and the rich cultural record they protect.

For the first time this year, the State Historical Records Advisory Board, which works to preserve Virginia's documentary heritage, sponsored free bookmarks featuring images from the Archives Month poster. At this year's kickoff breakfast, state archivist Conley Edwards was honored for thirty-three years of service to the Archives.

The poster would not have been complete without the contribution of images from institutions across the state, including Arlington County Public Library, James Madison University, Roanoke Public Libraries, University of Mary Washington, University of Virginia Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections and Archives, University of Virginia Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia Law Library, Virginia Commonwealth University Tompkins-McCaw Library, Veterans Health Administration, Virginia Historical Society, and Virginia Union University.

The Library also organized a Richmond "Archives Fair," featuring two free noontime talks focusing on the role of archives in archaeology and some of the most entertaining and bizarre types of records, and a free evening program on the role of archives in our lives. A new exhibit told stories from the Archives with seldom-seen items from the collection including photographs from a Scott County courthouse destroyed by a cyclone in 1929; a campaign button featuring *Richmond Planet* editor John Mitchell, Jr.; and letters to the governor for and against desegregation of public schools. All events were well-attended and feedback from staff and the general public was very positive.

The Richmond Archives Fair, particularly, was a successful event. Held in the lobby of the Library, the participating institutions were: Beth Ahabah Museum and Archives, Library of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Valentine Richmond History Center, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board. Special thanks to caucus members Tom Crew, Virginia Dunn, Meg Glass, Cara Griggs, Jodi Koste, Curtis Lyons, Jennifer McDaid, Amanda Morrell, and Courtney Yevich for answering questions from the public and educating them about the holdings of their institutions. Also, special thanks to Marisa Bourgoin, DC Caucus Representative, who offered insight and advice from her experiences with organizing the DC Metropolitan Archives Fair, which is held at the National Archives, to Virginia Caucus Representative Derek Gray. Her thoughts and suggestions were valuable in the planning of the Fair.

The Library of Virginia's Archives Month website can be accessed at the following link: http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/archweek/2007/. It features the poster, a gallery of archival images from repositories across the state, the governor's official proclamation, and a schedule of events at the Library.

Governor Mark Warner Records
State Records archivists continue to process and make available the gubernatorial records of Mark Warner. The most recent records made available are Office of the Lieutenant Governor (Timothy Kaine),

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1995–2005; Secretary of Finance, 1998–2005; and Secretary of Natural Resources, 1992–2005. The gubernatorial records are highly expected to get much patron usage in the new year with the recent announcement that the former Virginia governor will seek the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Senator John Warner in 2008.

Legislative Petitions Online Indexing Project Complete
The Library of Virginia recently completed a six-year project to index its collection of Legislative Petitions. Over twenty-five thousand petitions were entered into an Access database documenting the primary petitioners, date of the petition, locality, subjects, and a brief abstract or description, which will assist in keyword searches. The State Records section of the Library of Virginia maintains the records of the General Assembly (Record Group 78) which include the Legislative Petitions. The petitions provide valuable information on public improvements, divorces, manumissions of slaves, divisions of counties, Revolutionary War claims, incorporations of towns and cities, and other topics between 1776 and 1865. The 273-cubic foot collection was filmed in 2002 and interlibrary loan copies of the film are available to researchers. The database is accessible through the Library's website at (http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/gov/petitions/.)

State Historical Records Advisory Board
On November 30 and December 1, SHRAB deputy Jennifer Davis McDaid participated in a Conference for Virginia Historical Societies at the Library of Virginia. She provided behind-the-scenes tours for representatives from county historical societies across the Commonwealth, made a presentation on the Library's resources and SHRAB's activities, and took part in a panel discussion along with representatives from APVA Preservation Virginia, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and the Virginia Historical Society.

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West Virginia

West Virginia State Archives
Work continues at the West Virginia State Archives despite the November 1 firing of State Historian and Archivist Fredrick H. Armstrong without cause. Joe Geiger, his assistant, was appointed acting director on November 6. Armstrong, who was rumored to be fired for opposing the merger of the Archives and History Library with the state Library Commission's lending library, has filed a grievance over the firing and may initiate a lawsuit, alleging his firing after 22 years was for being a whistleblower. Supporters of the Archives and History Library and Armstrong have been inundating Governor Joe Manchin's office as well as those of commissioner of Culture and History Randall Reid-Smith and Secretary of Education and the Arts Kay Goodwin. Supporters have also held two rallies at public events at the capitol in protest.

Planning continues for the 12th annual West Virginia History Day at the Legislature, to be held February 21, 2008. The day-long event allows groups to set up displays in the capitol rotunda, meet with their legislators on issues concerning the state's history, and honor those receiving History Hero awards for their service to the preservation of history in the state.

The Records Management and Preservation Board will meet in January 2008 to review grant applications from 34 counties for projects to assess, improve storage and reformat county records. Grant awards will be made at that time.

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The Local Arrangements Committee and the Western New York archival community invite you to experience Chautauqua Institution in beautiful Chautauqua, New York this Spring.

The Chautauqua Institution is a not-for-profit, 750-acre educational center beside Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York. Founded in 1874, Chautauqua helped shaped modern American culture by providing a national platform for many influential speakers and entertainers by providing classes and correspondence courses. In 1936 Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered his famous "I Hate War" speech from the Amphitheater platform.

Held from May 1–3, 2008 at the historic Athenaeum Hotel on the Chautauqua Institution campus, the conference's theme is "Education Outside the Box." Sessions will highlight issues such as using records to teach, new trends in archival education, training non-archivists, and archives of education programs.

Room rates at the Athenaeum Hotel are $130 a night, single or double occupancy.

The Local Arrangements Committee is in the process of organizing a number of tours to take place both during and after the conference. Possibilities include tours of the local Amish Country, Lily Dale, a Spiritualist Assembly, and the Southern Tier Brewing Company. We also hope to offer a stay-over package at the Athenaeum and at the Peek'n Peak Resort and Spa.

For more information on the program, please contact Program Committee co-chairs, Ann Marie Przybyla (aprzybyl@mail.nysed.gov) and Pamela C. Whitenack (pwhitenack@hersheyarchives.com).

For more information on local arrangements, please contact Local Arrangements Committee co-chairs, Jim Tammaro (jtammaro@mail.nysed.gov) and Jon Schmitz (jschmitz@ciweb.org).

Welcome New Members!

Blanche Anderson

Jennifer Andreola
The History Factory

Lucy Barber
NHPRC—National Archives

Lloyd Beers
National Archives & Records Administration

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Call for Student Scholarship Nominations

The Society of American Archivists seeks nominations for the Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2008.

Established in 1993, the Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award recognizes minority undergraduate and graduate students, such as those of African, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, or Native American descent, who, through scholastic and personal achievement, manifest an interest in becoming professional archivists and active members of SAA. The Pinkett award was developed to encourage exceptional minority students to consider careers in the archival profession and, in turn, increase minority participation in SAA by exposing minority students to the experience of attending national meetings and encouraging them to join the organization.

To be eligible, minority students, with preference given to full-time students, must possess a minimum scholastic grade point average of 3.5 while enrolled in a graduate program focusing on archival management during the academic year preceding the date the award is given. Full complimentary registration to the SAA Annual Meeting and related expenses for hotel and travel for attending the SAA Annual Meeting will be awarded. Next year's SAA Annual Meeting, themed *Archival R/Evolution & Identities,* will take place at the San Francisco Hilton from August 27–31, 2008. The Award is jointly funded by the SAA Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable and is presented in late summer during SAA's annual meeting.

For more information and nomination forms please see: http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/aac/Awards_Pinkett.htm

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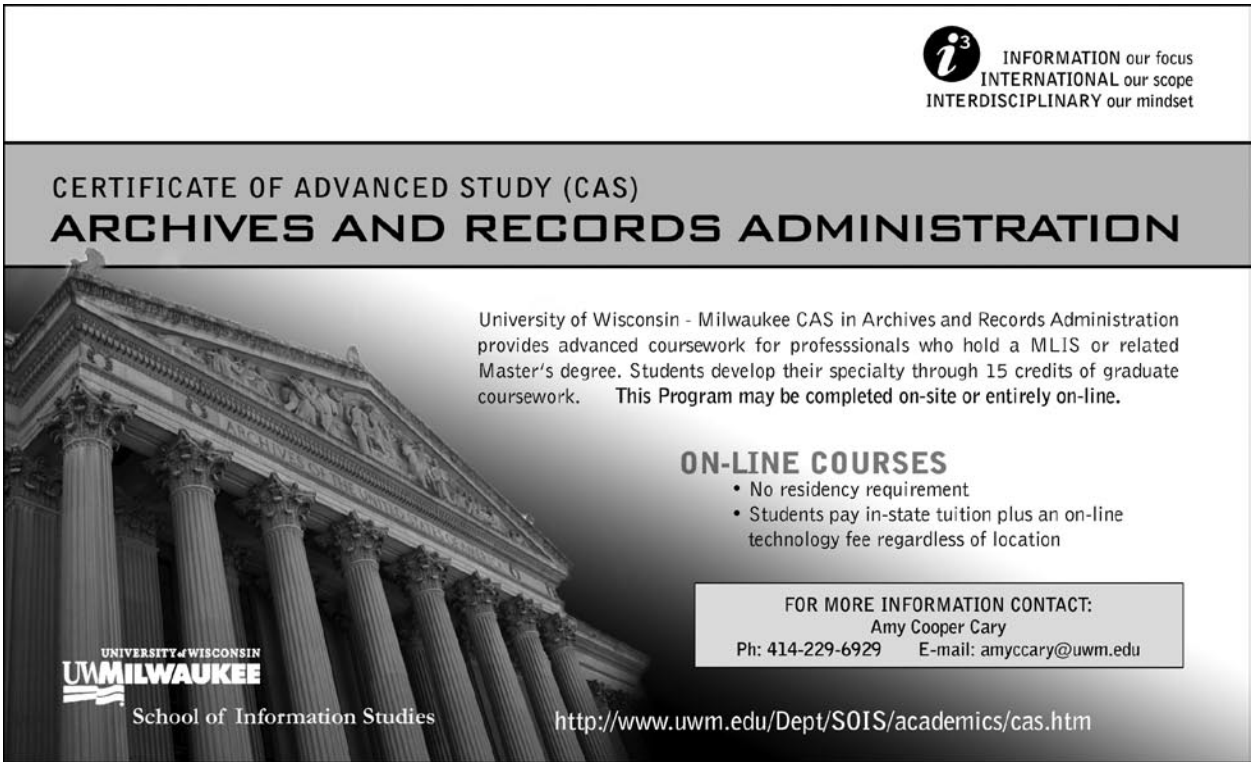
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The Marsha Trimble Meeting Scholarship
[Award for First Time Attendees]

A Virginia native, Marsha graduated from the University of Richmond and earned an M.A. in English at the University of Virginia in 1976. She worked as a student assistant in the Manuscripts Dept. of the University of Virginia Library from 1975–1976, where she processed literary collections and stumbled on her future career, joining the staff full time after receiving her degree. In 1977, she became archivist in the Arthur J. Morris Library at the University Of Virginia School Of Law, a position she retained until her retirement in May of 2002.

Marsha joined MARAC in 1976. In the mid 1980s she became involved in program and local arrangements for Virginia meetings, serving as Local Arrangement chair for the 1997 Charlottesville meeting. She was Vice Chair of MARAC from 1999–2001.

As MARAC grew in the late seventies and early eighties so did the need for an administrator. Richard Lindemann became the executive secretary under a contractual arrangement with the University of Virginia. When he left for a position in San Diego, Marsha stepped in to complete his contract and was followed in turn by Diana Shenk of Penn State. Marsha's biggest achievement was gaining control of membership, by creating a data base that could handle mailings, and also serving as a "voice" for MARAC, a contact for members with incorrect addresses, missing issues and other publication questions.

In the fall of 1998 MARAC chair Janet Linde appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Contractual Services. Marsha was elected chair of the group which was given a charge to investigate the hiring of a management group to handle MARAC's administrative duties. These tasks had grown exponentially in the previous decade as membership continued to expand. The Committee recommended Kimball & Associates which the Steering Committee duly approved.

Beyond these listed accomplishments, members who worked with Marsha were always inspired by her dedication, enthusiasm and the sense of humor that enlivened many work and planning sessions. She was appropriately honored with the announcement of the scholarship in her name at the Spring 2002 meeting.

Marsha is grateful to have the MARAC scholarship named for her, but amused to learn it has led to unfounded rumors that she is dead. To the contrary, since retiring she has volunteered for community causes in Charlottesville, Va., serving as Chairman of the Board of the Emergency Food Bank and working with PACEM (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry), a volunteer organization serving the needs of the homeless. She can still be spotted at MARAC's semi-annual meetings, most recently in Williamsburg.

News from the Society of American Archivists

SAA added its 5000th member in October and already the total membership is 5056.

Many state and regional organizations utilized SAA's toolkit to celebrate American Archives month in October.

SAA has been working to get Congress to reconsider the Health Information Privacy and Security Act of 2007 (HIPSA) provisions that would place perpetual privacy restrictions on medical information, to pressure Senator Jim Bunning to end his unexplained objection to unanimous consent so that the Senate could consider the Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007 (H.R. 1255), and taken an active roll in legislation for the Partnership for the American Historical Record which was introduced in the House in December. Be on the lookout for information on contacting your local member of Congress and then your senators.

Several MARAC members are on the SAA ballot (there's still time to join and vote):

Vice President/President-Elect
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Peter Gottlieb, Wisconsin Historical Society

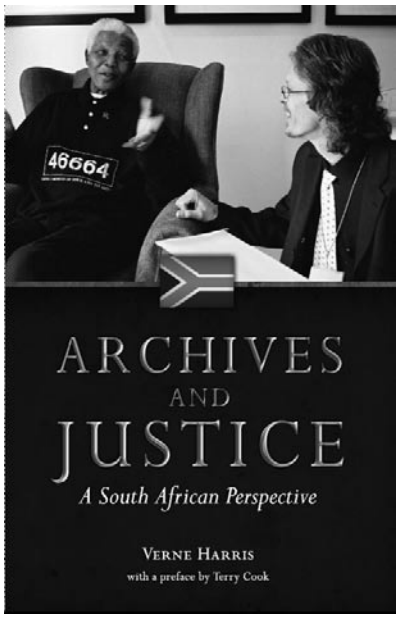
Council Members
Pam Hackbart-Dean, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Sara (Sue) Hodson, Huntington Library
Thomas Hyry, Yale University
Rosalye Settles, U.S. Department of the Treasury
Diana Shenk, Smithsonian Institution Archives
Robert Spindler, Arizona State University

Nominating Committee
Sharmila Bhatia, National Archives and Records Administration
Julie Herrada, University of Michigan
Tara Laver, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Christopher Prom, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Arlene Schmuland, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Helen Wong Smith, University of Hawaii, Hilo

SAA Workshops in or near the MARAC region:

March 10	Applying DACS to Single-Item Manuscript Cataloging, New Haven, CT
March 18–19	Preservation of 20th-century Visual Materials, Princeton, NJ
April 10–11	Understanding Photographs: Introduction to Archival Principles and Practices, Baltimore, MD
April 21–22	Encoded Archival Description, University Park, PA
April 24–25	Style Sheets for EAD: Delivering your Finding Aids on the Web, University Park, PA
May 19	Building Digital Collections, University Park, PA

New SAA Publication: Verne Harris, *Archives and Justice: A South African Perspective* (476 pages)



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Individual annual membership dues are $35. The dues year runs from October 1 through September 30. Membership is not open to institutions, but institutions may purchase subscriptions to *MAA* at $35 per year.

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Deadlines are February 15, May 15, August 15 and December 1.

Advertising rates and requirements may be obtained from Jason Stieber, Archivist, National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005-3970; (202) 266-2807; **JStieber@NMWA.org.**